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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
JULY 1, 1984 TO JUNE 30, 1986



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

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We have examined the financial statements of the Board of Regents of Higher Education for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1986, as listed in the Table of Contents. We made our examination in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards for financial and compliance audits and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, including tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in the Note to Financial Statements (page 24), the board's records are maintained on a basis prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This basis differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present the board's results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the board's expenditures under appropriations and receipts account of income for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1986, in conformity with the Commonwealth's

accounting system, which has been applied on a consistent basis. Except as explained in the Audit Results section of this report, the tested items complied with applicable laws and regulations, and our audit procedures revealed nothing that caused us to believe that the untested items did not comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary schedule of federal grants is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary schedule was subjected to the same auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

April 3, 1987

A. JOSEPH Defrecti Auditor of the Commonwealth

REPORT ON ADEQUACY OF INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

We have examined the financial statements of the Board of Regents of Higher Education for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1986, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 1987. As part of our examination, we made a study and evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls of the Board of Regents to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted government auditing standards. For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal accounting controls in the following categories:

Receipts/revenue
Purchasing and receiving
Disbursements
Payroll
Inventory/property and equipment

Our study and evaluation included all of the control categories listed above. The purpose of our study and evaluation was to determine the nature, timing, and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the board's financial statements. Our study and evaluation was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting controls taken as a whole or on any of the categories of controls identified above.

The management of the Board of Regents is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of a system are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that (1) assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and (2) transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements

in accordance with the Commonwealth's accounting system. Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting controls, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation, conducted for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph, would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting controls of the Board of Regents taken as a whole or on any of the categories of controls identified in the first paragraph. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no condition that we believe to be a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the use of management. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

AUDIT RESULTS

Establishment of Licensing Fee Trust Fund

The Board of Regents of Higher Education received \$8,000 in fee revenues for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1986 from independent institutions of higher education that were seeking an amendment to their charters or approval of a certificate of organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Instead of remitting the money to the General Fund, the Board of Regents set up a trust fund for the disbursement of these revenues.

Section 2 of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws states:

All revenue payable to the Commonwealth shall be paid into the general fund, except revenue required by law to be paid into a fund other than the general fund and revenue for or on account of sinking funds, trust funds, trust deposits and agency funds, which funds shall be maintained and the revenue applied in accordance with law or the purposes of the fund.

It is our opinion that these funds are not given in trust by the private institutions to the Board of Regents under a trust agreement. They are fees paid in accordance with a fee schedule voted by the Board of Regents at its meeting on November 12, 1981 and should be transferred to the General Fund.

Under the board's stewardship, the funds have been used solely for the visiting committee (selected by the board) honoraria and for no other purpose.

The Board of Regents contends that it has the authority under Section 5(1) of Chapter 15A of the General Laws to set up a trust fund and use these fees to pay for the costs of the visiting committee honoraria. Section 5(1) of Chapter 15 assigns the Board of Regents the following powers and duties:

(1) Subject to its direction and approval, [the board shall] authorize the chancellor to seek, accept and administer grants, gifts and trusts for systemwide purposes from private foundations, corporations, individuals and federal agencies, which shall be administered under the provisions of section two C of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws and disbursed at the direction of the board of regents pursuant to its authority.

This matter has been discussed by the State Comptroller's Office and the Board of Regents for quite some time. In a letter dated November 28, 1982 from the General Counsel of the Board of Regents to the Vice Chancellor of the Board of Regents, an effort was made without success for suggestions to the Vice-Chancellor in resolving the concerns raised by the Comptroller's Office, whose position was to transmit these fees to the General Fund in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 29 of the General Laws.

Recommendations: The Board of Regents should--

- 1. Dissolve the trust fund and transmit the fees to the General Fund.
- Request an appropriation or seek funds in accordance with Section 5(1) of Chapter 15 to pay for the honoraria liabilities.
- If necessary, request an opinion from the Attorney General's Office in this matter.

Auditee's Response:

- As a matter of Regents' fiscal policy, these funds are received in trust from petitioning institutions (and not merely sheltered by "a fee schedule") pursuant to an express authorization vote duly adopted by the Board of Regents on December 8, 1981.
- As a matter of regulatory practice and procedure, these funds have not been retained, but are deposited in trust to the Regents Licensing Fee Trust Fund for immediate disbursement as honoraria to Regents' visiting team consultants who assist in conducting investigations in order to insure independent and objective reviews of degree-granting petitions submitted by private institutions of higher education.
- 3. As a matter of law, the subject funds are not revenues payable to the General Fund, but rather fees properly remitted to the Regents Licensing Fee Trust Fund and therefore are available for expenditure and disbursement without appropriation. No state supported facilities, personnel or other appropriated resources are used for the purpose of generating these fees. Under applicable provisions of the Higher Education Reorganization Act of 1980 the Board of Regents of Higher Education is the statutory successor to the former Board of Higher Education and its segmental trustee boards. (St. 1980, c. 329, s. 112; G.L.c. 15A, s. 2; St. 1980 c. 329, ss. 118 through 122; and G.L.c. 69, ss. 30 et seq.) In its status as successor, the Board of Regents is impliedly [sic] authorized to receive such fees in trust for disbursement without prior appropriation.

- 4. The Regents Fiscal Affairs Office has in the past and will continue to use all reasonable good faith efforts to establish non-appropriated receipt and expenditure accounts with the Comptroller's Division in order that these funds may be initially deposited in the State Treasury.
- 5. Even if the existing Trust fund were dissolved, these licensing fees should still be held in constructive trust for the benefit of and to pay for visiting committee honoraria owing due these consultants on the date of dissolution, and therefore no unexpended, unencumbered surplus funds from the trust would be available for remittance to the General Fund.

Auditor's Reply: We believe that the statutes cited by the board do not authorize the establishing of these fees as trust funds for the benefit of and to pay for visiting committee honoraria. Therefore, it is our opinion that the board comply with our recommendation and deposit these funds as income to the Commonwealth.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement No. I

Comparative Statement of Expenditures under Appropriations and Receipts Account of Income

Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1986

Appropriations (Account No. 7066-0000)	1986 \$3,107,900	1985 \$2,776,000	Increase (Decrease) \$331,900
Disbursements Encumbrances Expenditures Reverted	\$3,022,875	\$2,602,838	\$420,037
	84,669	-	84,669
	\$3,107,544	\$2,602,838	\$504,706
	356	173,162	(172,806)
	\$3,107,900	\$2,776,000	\$331,900
Receipts Account of Income	\$90,895	\$221,709	\$(130,814)
Analysis of Expenditures: Salaries, Other Services - Nonemployees Travel and Automotive Expenses Advertising and Printing Repairs, Replacements, and Alterations Special Supplies and Expenses Office and Administrative Expenses Equipment Rentals	\$2,381,254	\$2,029,507	\$351,747
	350,380	301,415	48,965
	38,400	37,371	1,029
	7,935	22,835	(14,900)
	26,250	23,868	2,382
	20,486	19,298	1,188
	140,729	128,548	12,181
	109,634	9,564	100,070
	32,476	30,432	2,044
	\$3,107,544	\$2,602,838	\$504,706
Receipts Account of Income:	\$78,877	\$113,024	\$ (34,147)
Reimbursement for Services	12,018	108,685	(96,667)
Miscellaneous	\$90,895	\$221,709	\$(130,814)

Statement No. II

Statement of Budget and Actual Expenditures under Appropriation and Receipts Account of Income

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1986

	Budget	Actual	Actual Under/(Over) Budget
Appropriation (Account No. 7066-0000)	\$3,107,900	\$3,107,544	<u>\$356</u>
Expenditures: Salaries, Other	\$2,381,254	\$2,381,254	_
Services - Nonemployees	350,380	350,380	_
Travel and Automotive Expenses	38,400	38,400	-
Advertising and Printing	7,935	7,935	-
Repairs, Replacements, and Altera-			
tions	26,250	26,250	-
Special Supplies and Expenses	20,486	20,486	-
Office and Administrative Expenses	140,729	140,729	-
Equipment	109,990	109,634	\$356
Rentals	32,476	32,476	-
	\$3,107,900	\$3,107,544	\$356
Receipts Account of Income:			
Reimbursement for Services	\$95,000	\$78,877	\$16,123
Miscellaneous	-	12,018	(12,018)
	\$95,000	\$90,895	\$ 4,105

Statement No. III

Statement of Budget and Actual Expenditures under Appropriation and Receipts Account of Income

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1985

	Budget	Actual	Actual Under/(Over) Budget
Appropriation (Account No. 7066-0000)	\$2,776,000	\$2,602,838	\$173,162
Expenditures:			
Salaries, Other	\$2,142,600	\$2,029,507	\$113,093
Services - Nonemployees	334,480	301,415	33,065
Travel and Automotive Expenses	38,400	37,371	1,029
Advertising and Printing	22,835	22,835	-
Repairs, Replacements, and Altera-			
tions	26,250	23,868	2,382
Special Supplies and Expenses	23,200	19,298	3,902
Office and Automotive Expenses	142,785	128,548	14,237
Equipment	9,585	9,564	21
Rentals	35,865	30,432	5,433
	\$2,776,000	\$2,602,838	\$173,162
Receipts Account of Income:			
Reimbursement for Services	\$100,000	\$113,024	\$(13,024)
Miscellaneous	300,050	108,685	191,365
	\$400,050	\$221,709	\$178,341

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Statement No. IV

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

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Reserved	1	1		1	ı			1		1			1			1	1	1		\$79,711,180		300,000		306,890
Reverted	\$ 1,655	ı		932	ı			1		ı			ı			64,864	1,233,614	1		1		ı		ı
Expenditures	\$ 60,529	125,000		890,66	50.000	and fac		41,600		18,500			40,710			422,136	13,992,146	4,000,000		35,058,236		1		268,110
Encumbrances	\$ 5,763	22,939		15,269	766.327	1-266		1		18,500			9,405			1	57,625	. 1		1		1		235,519
Disbursements	\$ 54,766	102,061		83, 799	91.9	5		41,600		1			31,305			422,136	13,934,521	4,000,000		35,058,236		1		32,591
Appropriations Disbursements Encumbrances Expenditures	\$ 62,184	125,000		100,000	20.000	200 (0)		41,600		18,500			40,710			487,000	15,225,760	4,000,000		114,769,416		300,000		575,000
Account	Intern Program Administration Intern Program Stipends and Pay-	ments	Initiation and Maintenance of Enrollment of Auditing System	by the Board of Regents	Program for a Silver Haired Leg-	For the Commonwealth's Share of	the Cost of the Compact for	Education	Judgment in Bristol Superior	Court, Civil Action No. 13257	Collaborative Projects - Board	of Regents Evaluators (Allo-	cation of Account No. 7100-0110)	Collaborative Engineering Pro-	gram to be Administered by	the Board of Regents	General Scholarships	Matching Scholarship Program - 1	Reserve for the Administration	of School Programs	Scholarship Program for Master	of Science Degree in Nursing	Administration of the Scholarship	Program
Account	7066-0001		7066-0003		7066-0004	7066-0005			6600-9902		7066-0110			7070-0004			7070-0006	7070-0060	7070-0065		7070-0066		7070-0070	

Statement No. IV (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Account		Account	Appropriations	Appropriations Disbursements Encumbrances Expenditures	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Reverted	Reserved
7070-0071	Reserve for stration	Reserve for Expenses of Administration of the Scholarship Pro-						
3500 0505	gram	gram Brosson of a Chatanida Vanth	\$ 150,000			•	s> 1	150,000
5/00-0/0	Awareness Program	Program	90,000	1	1	1	,	90,000
7070-0020	Expenses of	Expenses of New England Board of Higher Education and of						
	the Members	rs	326,669	\$ 326,669	1	\$ 326,669	•	1
7077-0021	Payment to	Payment to Universities on Ac-						
	Students	ceptance of Massachusetts Students into Medical and						
	Health Programs	ograms	1,496,721	1,448,721	\$ 48,000	1,496,721	ı	ı
7077-0022	Payment to	Payment to Universities on Ac-						
	ceptance	ceptance of Massachusetts						
	Students	Students into Therapy Programs	371,800	371,800		371,800	1	1
7077-0023	Commonwealt	Commonwealth's Share of Develop-						
	ment and	ment and Operating Cost of						
	Tufts Sch	Tufts School of Veterinary						
	Medicine		4,450,000	000,009	3,000,000	3,600,000	ı	850,000
7100-0100	Reserve for	Reserve for the Administra-						
	tion of t	tion of the System of Insti-						
	tutions o	tutions of Higher Education	529,900,000	529,900,000		529,900,000	ı	ı
7100-0110	Reserve for	Reserve for the Establishment						
	of Collab	of Collaborative Education						
	Between t	Between the Institutions of						
	Higher Ed	Higher Education and Public						
	Elementar	Elementary and Secondary						
	Schools o	Schools of the Commonwealth	3,850,000	3,850,000	ı	3,850,000	ı	ı

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Statement No. IV (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Reserved		ı	ı	\$12,500,000		ı		3,000,000	3,000,000	19,601
Reverted		ı	ı			ı		ı	ı	
Expenditures		\$ 2,784,100	1,015,000	ı		5,000,000		ı	1	2,938,683
Encumbrances		\$ 22,839 \$ 2,784,100	ı	1		ı		1	1	ı
Appropriations Disbursements Encumbrances Expenditures			1,015,000	ı		2,000,000		ı	1	2,938,683
Appropriations		\$ 2,784,100 \$ 2,761,261	1,015,000	12,500,000		2,000,000		3,000,000	3,000,000	2,958,284
Account Title	Health and Welfare for System of Institute of Public Higher Education (Allocation of Ac-	count No. 7100-0100) Reserve for Data Processing and Information Systems of	Higher Education Reserve for Purchase of Scien-	tific, Computer, and Other Educational Equipment	For the Purchase of Scientific, Technological, and	Other Educational Reference Material for Libraries	For One-time Purchases to Improve Library Collections	at the Universities Reserve for Educational Equipment and Supplies - Academic	Program Improvement Program of Assistance for Stu-	dents from Disadvantaged Environments
Account	7100-0123	7100-0200	7100-9500		7100-9504		7100–9505	7100–9600	7100-9604	

Statement No. IV (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1986

Reserved		
Reverted	\$1,301,065	
Expenditures	\$ 3,849,152 \$609,308,160	
Encumbrances	53,485,183	tegral
Disbursements Encumbrances	\$ 3,849,152 \$605,822,977	g note is an in
Appropriations	\$ 3,849,152 \$710,536,896 \$605,822,977	The accompanying note is an integral
Account Title	7100-9704 Commonwealth's Contribution toward Rederal Student Loan Programs and Rederal Work Study Programs for State Colleges and Community Colleges	
Account	7100–9704	

Statement No. V

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Reserved	1 1	\$ 23,850	ı	90,710	237,000	15,225,760	4,000,000	39, 769, 416	275,000	1		ı	1		ı	1	
Reverted	\$ 4,143 6,083	53	ı	1	ı	ŧ		1	ı	1		ı	1		1	-	•
Expenditures	\$ 56,999	76,097	41,600	3,721,144	255,500	14,998,051	4,000,000	29, 930, 523	1	309,096		1,448,721	371,800		3,325,290	965 833 277	45.79.000.9.000
Appropriations	\$ 61,142 125,000	100,000	41,600	3,811,854	492,500	30,223,811	8,000,000	69, 699, 939	275,000	309,906		1,448,721	371,800		3,325,290	765 668 567	457,042,721
Account Title	Intern Program Administration Intern Program Stipends and Payments Trifition and Misternam of Encolumn of	Auditing System by the Board of Regents For the Commonwealth's Share of the Ost of	the Compact for Education	Collaborative Projects - board of Regents Evaluators (Allocation of Account No. 7100- 0110)	Collaborative Engineering Program to be Administered by the Board of Regents	General Scholarships	Matching Scholarship Program - 1 Beserve for the Administration of School	Programs	Administration of the Scholarship Program	Expenses of New England Board of Higher Education and Expenses of the Members	Payment to Universities on Acceptance of Massachusetts Students into Medical and	Health Programs	Payment to Universities on Acceptance of Massachusetts Students into Therapy Programs	Commonwealth's Share of Development and Operating Oost of Tufts School of Meterinary	Medicine	Reserve for the Administration of the System of Institutions of Higher Ed-	Carion
Account	7066-0001	2000-9907		7066-0110	7070-0004	7070-0006	0900-0707		7070-0070	7077-0020	7077-0021		7077-0022	7077-0023		7100-0100	

Statement No. V (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Reserved	ı	1		ı	ı	ı			1					\$ 507,689				ı		1		1		ı
Reverted	ı	1		ı	ı	ı			1					ı		1				ı		1		\$335,500
Expenditures	\$ 478,057	36,850) -) -	/6,9/6	157,242	322, 151			363, 168					3,192,311		92,136		21,164		24,496		507,161		786, 500
Appropriations	\$ 478,057	36,850) 10) 1	16,976	157,242	322,151			363, 168					3,700,000		92,136		21,164		24,496		507,161		1,122,000
Account Title	Health and Welfare Fund Coalition U (Allocation of Account No. 7100-0100)	Career Training - Development (Allocation of Account No. 7100-0100)	Health and Welfare Coalition 2 (Allo-	cation of Account No. /100-0100) Health and Welfare Fund USA/MTA (Al-	location of Account No. 7100-0100)	(Allocation of Account No. 7100-0100)	Health and Welfare Fund - MSP/FSU/	MIA/NEA (Allocation of Account No.	7100-0100)	Reserve for the Establishment of Col-	laborative Education Between the In-	stitutions of Higher Education and	Public Elementary and Secondary	Schools of the Commonwealth	Health and Welfare (Allocation of Ac-	count No. 7100-0100)	Health and Welfare (Allocation of Ac-	count No. 7100-0100)	Health and Welfare (Allocation of Ac-	count No. 7100-0100)	Health and Welfare (Allocation of Ac-	count No. 7100-0100)	2	Maintenance of New Satellite Campus
Account	7100-0104	7100-0105	7100-0106	7100-0107	2100-0017	1100 0100	7100-0109			7100-0110					7100-0111		7100-0112		7100-0113		7100-0114		7100-0115	

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Statement No. V (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Reserved	\$ 38,066	1	ı		ı	1	ı	1		1	1
Reverted	1	ı	ı		1	1	ı	\$ 29,269		ı	ı
Expenditures	\$ 68,468	9,984	979,899		374, 140	1,015,000	4,000,000	2,799,015		3,849,152	150,000
Appropriations	\$ 106,534	9,984	979,89		374, 140	1,015,000	4,000,000	2,828,284		3,849,152	150,000
Account Title	Massachusetts Field Center (Allocation of Account No. 7100-0110) AFI-CIO Fitzational Services Init		Southeastern Massachusetts University Health and Welfare AFI/C10 (Allocation of Account No. 7100-0100)	Community College Council MTA/NEA Health and Welfare Fund (Allocation	of Account No. 7100-0100) Reserve for Data Processing and Information Systems for Higher Educa-	tion	For the Purchase of Scientific, Technological, and Other Educational Reference Material for Libraries	Program of Assistance for Students from Disadvantaged Environments	Commonwealth's Contribution toward Rederal Student Loan Programs and Rederal Work Study Programs for State Colleges and Community Col-	leges Payment to Town of Bridgewater by	State College at Bridgewater for Cost of Ibm Sewer
Account	7100-0116		7100-0118	7100-0119	7100-0200		7100-9504	7100-9604	7100-9704	7100–9800	

Statement No. V (Continued)

Statement of Expenditures under Other Appropriations

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1985

Reserved	\$ 17,800 \$60,185,291
Reverted	\$375,049
Expenditures	\$502,903,881*
Appropriations	\$ 17,800 \$563,464,221
Account	Final Settlement of Pasto vs. Board of Regents - Suffolk Superior Court No. 8335
Account	7105-0000

*Includes disposition of 1985 accounts payable.

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Statement No. VI

Statement of Bond Funds

		Reserved		\$ 141,934		1		1			655,287			31,800			171,000	1,000,021
		Encumbrances Reserved		ς- Ι		1		\$ 40,900			95,920			1			1	\$136,820 \$1,000,021
		Expenditures		ı		1		1			\$986,879			1			1	\$986,879
	Total	Available		- \$ 141,934		1		40,000			(86,440) 1,738,086			31,800			171,000	\$2,123,720
	Other	Credits		ı		\$(2,000,000)		1			(86,440)			(171,000)			1	\$(2,257,440) \$2,123,720
Balance	Forward and	Appropriations		\$ 141,934		2,000,000		40,900			1,824,526			202,800			171,000	84,381,160
	Account	Title	Reserve for Purchase and Installa-	ishings and Equipment - C723 - 1983	Reserve for Purchase of Data Pro-	cessing Equipment - C723 - 1983	Master Plan - All Public Institutions	of Higher Education	Program of Special Repairs and Im-	provements of Institutions of	Higher Education	Purchase and Installation of Gertain	Equipment for Institutions of High-	er Education	Purchase and Installation of Certain	Equipment (Allocation of Account	No. 7070-8812)	
	Account	Number	7066-8841		7066-8843		7070-8721		7070-8811			7070-8812			7070-8816			

The accompanying note is an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement No. VII

Statement of Bond Funds

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1985

		Reserved			\$ 141,934			ı		2,000,000		ı			984,336			202,800			ı	33, 329, 069
		Encumbrances Reserved			1			1		•		\$ 40,900			840,190						1	\$881,090 \$3,329,069
		Expenditures			ı			,		•		1			\$937,264							\$940,611
	Total	Available			\$ 141,934			1		2,000,000		40,900			2,761,790			202,800				\$5,150,770
	Other	Credits			\$(1,131,449) \$ 141,934			(2,000,000)		1		•			1							\$(3,131,449)
Balance	Forward and	Appropriations			\$1,273,383			2,000,000		2,000,000		40,900			2,761,790			202,800			3,346	\$8,282,219
	Account	Title	Reserve for Purchase and Install-	ation of Equipment Including Fur-	nishings and Equipment - C723 - 1983	Reserve for the Purchase and Instal-	lation of Special Equipment In-	cluding Furnishings and Equipment	Reserve for Purchase of Data Process-	ing Equipment - C723 - 1983	Master Plan - All Public Institutions	of Higher Education	Program of Special Repairs and Im-	provements of Institutions of High-	er Education	Purchase and Installation of Certain	Equipment for Institutions of High-	er Education	Replacement of the Primary Electrical	Cable (Allocation of Account No.	7070-8811)	
	Account	Number	7066-8841			7066-8842			7066-8843		7070-8721		7070-8811			7070-8812			7070-8813			

The accompanying note is an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement No. VIII

Statement of Trust Funds Receipts and Disbursements

Account	Account	Balance July 1, 1984	Receipts	Di sbur sements	Balance June 30, 1985	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 1986
_	Exxon Education Foundation Grant	\$ 5,916	1	\$ 5,179	\$ 737	1	\$ 503	\$ 234
	Program of Continuing Education - Admini-							
	stration	171,218	\$ 24,024	192,757	2,485		2,485	1
_	Regents' Extraordinary							
	Expenses Trust	3,402	2,314	3,889	1,827	\$ 1,000	1,999	828
_	Development of on-line							
	Higher Education Per-							
	sonnel and Budget							
	Database	394	1	368	. 26	1	1	26
	Program - Strengthening							
	Through Follow-up	35,938	1	35,319	619	1	1	619
_	Regents' Central Ser-							
	vices Trust	108,031	1	1,665	106,366	209,274	196,627	119,013
•	Technical Education							
	Fund - Commonwealth							
	Endorsement Payments	41,564	ı	1	41,564	14,290	•	55,854
5-	Technical Education							
	Fund - U.S. Endow-							
	ment (No. 6562)	10,950	1	10,950		10,950	10,950	1
	Todd Teachers' College							
	Fund Investments and							
	Payments	34,290	4,261	1,088	37,463	3,690	20	41,083
ш	Elizabeth P. Sohier							
	Library fund invest-					į		
	ments and Payments	8,5/8	I	290	8,288	871	ı	9,159

Statement No. VIII (Continued)

Statement of Trust Funds Receipts and Disbursements

Balance June 30, 1986		\$ 5,000			142,000				219,000		12,100		14,871			10,787		1				1,117		22		71.1
Disbursements		ı			1				ı		1		ı			ı		\$ 262				1		1		1
Receipts		ı			1				1		1		ı			\$ 10,739		ı				ı		1		1
Balance June 30, 1985		\$ 5,000			142,000				219,000		12,100		14,871			84		262				1,117		22		77.
Disbursements		ı			1				1		1		1			1		1				1		1		1
Receipts		1			1				ı		1		1			ı		ı				1		1		1
Balance July 1, 1984		\$ 5,000			142,000				219,000		12,100		14,871			84		262				1,117		22		777
Account	Oustanus A. Hinkley Free Scholarship -	Investments	Technical Education Fund - Commonwealth	Endownent - Pur-	chase of Investments	Technical Education	Fund - U.S. Endorse-	ment - Purchase of	Investments	Todd Teachers' College	Fund - Investments	State College System/	Computer Project	Division of State Col-	leges - Program of	Continuing Studies	Boston - Continuing	Education Trust Fund	Massachusetts Board of	Community Colleges	Continuing Education	Trust	Fund for Advancement of	Education Payments	Vocational Education	Program - Payments
Account	7070-6622		7070-6626			7070-6627				7070-6628		7101-6100		7107-0021			7107-0022		7501-6545				7501-6600		7501-6601	

Statement No. VIII (Continued)

Statement of Trust Funds Receipts and Disbursements Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1986

Balance June 30, 1986	966 \$	51	915	9,401	3646,446
Disbursements	ı	1		- 7	\$217,096
Receipts	ı	ı	1	· 600	\$254,214
Balance June 30, 1985	966 \$	51	915	9,401	\$609,328
Disbursements	ı	ı	1	050 7	\$256,455
Receipts	ı	ı		- 7	\$35,199
Balance July 1, 1984	966 \$	51	915	9,401	SN
Account	Wocational Education Program - 1973	Program - 1975 Joint Education Pro-	gram for Mental Health Aides Regional Community	Colleges Scholarship Fund - Subject to Appropriation iconsing Res Trust Bund	
Account	7501-6605	7501-6611	7501-6612	ı	

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Significant Accounting Policies

According to Chapter 7, Sections 16-17, of the General Laws, as amended, the State Comptroller is responsible for the Commonwealth's accounting system. The Comptroller establishes and maintains funds as authorized or mandated by the various provisions of the General Laws. The State Treasurer, a constitutional officer, has custody of and manages the Commonwealth's cash and investments.

The financial statements in this report refer to specific accounts within the Commonwealth's fund structure. The Board of Regents is required to follow accounting and financial reporting policies prescribed by the Commonwealth. These policies differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the Commonwealth's significant policies as they pertain to the Board of Regents.

Basis of Accounting: The Board of Regents uses a limited accrual basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received, and expenditures, with the exception of year-end encumbrances, are recorded on a cash basis. At the close of the fiscal year, all encumbrances (expenditure commitments) against maintenance appropriation accounts are recorded as expenditures. The State Comptroller considers these encumbrances as accounts payable, which, if not expended, will revert to the Commonwealth on December 31.

The Commonwealth's accounting system requires state agencies to expense, rather than capitalize, purchases of fixed assets.



SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

Receipts and Disbursements

Account Number	Grant Title	Balance July 1, 1984	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 1985	Receipts	Disbursements	Receipts Disbursements June 30, 1986
7009-9907	Title II - Educa- tion for Economic							
		ı	1	1	ı	\$ 580,708	580,708 \$ 578,708	\$ 2,000
7070-0015	Community Services and Continuing Ed-							
	ucation Program	\$ 26	1	ı	\$ 26	1	1	95
7070-0017	State Student Incen-	`	201 677 68	201 677 60		000		
7070-9720	Massachusetts Post -	I	\$2,442,100	\$2,442,100	1	2,408,890	2,438,693	ı
	Commission	7	1	1	~	1	1	-
7070-9721	Costs of the Commis-							
	sion (Allocation of							
	Account No. 7070-9720)) 24,527	i	1	24,527	ı		24,527
7070-9722	Administrative Expen-							
	ses - Title VI-A and							
	Title VII-A (Alloca-							
	tion of Account No.							
	7070-9720)	451	ı	ı	451	ı		451
7070-9726	Education Information							
	Center - Administra-	1	;					
	tion	5,535	(3, 108)		2,427	ı	ı	2,427
7070-9727	Title I of Post-Sec-							
	ondary Planning Com-	1,453	3, 108	4,561	1	•	1	1

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE (Continued)

Federal Grants Receipts and Disbursements

Balance June 30, 1986	15	\$ 478 \$29,955
Disbursements	ı	\$ 212 \$ 53,037,815
Receipts	ı	\$3,039,603
Balance June 30, 1985	15	\$ 690
Disbursements	ı	\$ 2,446,915
Receipts	1	22,442,106
Balance July 1, 1984	15	\$ 938 \$32,976
Grant Title	7070-9728 Information Center Pro- gram 7070-9729 Study of American Fac-	ulty as Resource Available for Meet- ing Emerging Issues in Higher Education
Account	7070–9728	

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Audit Review

At the conclusion of the audit, a draft of this report was reviewed with Joseph M. Finnegan, Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Management of the Board of Regents of Higher Education.



ORGANIZATION

The Board of Regents of Higher Education was established by Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1980, and its membership, powers and duties, and responsibilities are defined under the provisions of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as amended. The purpose and function of the Board of Regents is to "develop, foster, and advocate a comprehensive system of public higher education of high quality, flexibility, responsiveness and accountability" and to "encourage an economical and effective use of the resources of the Commonwealth with particular emphasis on the development of regional and local consortia and related cooperative arrangements by and between public and independent institutions of higher education."

The Board of Regents of Higher Education replaced several boards that had previously coordinated the institutions within the state's higher education system. These boards were the Board of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, the Board of Trustees of Regional Community Colleges, the Board of Trustees of the University of Lowell, the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts, and the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Massachusetts University. The Board of Regents also replaced the Executive Office of Educational Affairs.

The board consists of 16 members appointed by the Governor to five-year terms. The office of the Board of Regents of Higher Education consists of a Chancellor and employees appointed by the board. The members of the board serve without compensation, and no member may serve for more than two consecutive terms or be principally employed by any public educational institution or by the Commonwealth. The Governor appoints the chairperson from the board membership. As of January 5, 1987, the board was organized as follows:

Board of Regents of Higher Education

Regent	Date of Appointment	Term Expires
L. Edward Lashman, Chairman	July 1, 1986	August 1, 1990
David J. Beaubien	August 1, 1980	August 1, 1988
Mary Lou Anderson	July 10, 1984	August 1, 1988
Nicholas Boraski	November 1, 1982	August 1, 1989
Gerard F. Doherty	November 1, 1982	August 1, 1987
Paul S. Doherty	August 1, 1986	August 1, 1991
J. John Fox	September 14, 1981	August 1, 1989
George H. Ellison	July 10, 1985	August 1, 1990
Kathleen Harrington, R.S.M.	July 10, 1984	August 1, 1988
Ellen C. Guiney	August 1, 1986	August 1, 1991
Paul Marks	July 10, 1984	August 1, 1990
Hassan Minor, Ph.D.	July 10, 1984	August 1, 1989
Elizabeth B. Rawlins	March 9, 1984	August 1, 1988
Edward T. Sullivan	November 1, 1982	August 1, 1987
Joseph M. Henson	August 1, 1986	August 1, 1991
Norma J. Markey, Student Representative	May 28, 1986	April 30, 1987

The board performs the following functions:

- 1. Confers academic degrees through state colleges and universities.
- 2. Approves admission and program standards for state institutions.
- Develops tuition plans for all state institutions and sets enrollment levels.
- 4. Administers the State Scholarship Programs.
- Accounts for the property, real and personal, occupied or owned by the state.
- Receives allotments under federal programs and disburses these funds to the public institutions.

- 7. Maintains an accounting system as required by the State Comptroller.
- 8. Establishes post-audit procedures and reviews fiscal operations of the public institutions.
- Fixes the classification, title, and salary of the Chief Executive Officer, other officers, and professional staff of the University of Massachusetts, state colleges, University of Lowell, Southeastern Massachusetts University, and regional community colleges.
- 10. Prepares annual budget requests for the state's higher education system and submits these requests to the state budget director.
- 11. Allocates budgeted funds to the state colleges and universities.

The Board of Regents of Higher Education is responsible for all post-secondary education in the public sector and is the single governing authority for the system of public institutions of higher education, which includes:

The University of Massachusetts; The University of Lowell; Southeastern Massachusetts University; Bridgewater State College; Fitchburg State College; Framingham State College; The Massachusetts College of Art; The Massachusetts Maritime Academy; North Adams State College; Salem State College; Westfield State College; Worcester State College; Berkshire Community College; Bristol Community College; Bunker Hill Community College; Cape Cod Community College; Greenfield Community College; Holyoke Community College; Massachusetts Bay Community College; Massachusetts Bay Community College; Massachusetts Community College; Mount Wachusett Community College; Northern Essex Community College; North Shore Community College; Quinsigamond Community College; Roxbury Community College; and Springfield Technical Community College.

The Chancellor of the Board of Regents, Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer, appointed September 14, 1986, is also the board's Chief Executive Officer. He is accountable to the board and responsible for the day-to-day operations of the board's office and staff. Chapter 15A, Section 4, of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, establishes the Chancellor's salary, currently \$65,000 annually. In addition, the Chancellor currently receives \$1,500 per month (\$18,000 annually) for housing expenses.





